



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



Deputy Arrested for Telecommunications Harassment

Hamilton County, August 23, 2017 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports that the Internal Affairs Section received a complaint on August 11, 2017 from a citizen that they had received inappropriate photos from one of our patrol officers.

The investigation revealed that on or about August 5, 2017, Deputy Josh Noel conducted a traffic stop on an 18 year old female. Within two days of the traffic stop, Noel began to reach out to the 18 year old female through social media accounts. During these communications, Noel began to send her sexually explicit images and videos of himself.

A second complainant was identified who stated that she had been contacted by Noel through social media and also received several sexually explicit images and videos of Noel, which he continued to send after she directed him to stop sending these images. This victim was not met through his employment with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Josh Noel, age 25, is a 4 year employee of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. He has been assigned to the Enforcement (Patrol) Division since 2016. Deputy Noel has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the criminal case.

Josh Noel has been charged with two counts of Telecommunications Harassment, a misdemeanor of the first degree. He was transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center to await arraignment.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section (513) 851-6000 or Crime Stoppers at (513) 352-3040.

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